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Secretary  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Re: SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp.  
Applications for Consent to Transfer of Control  
WC Docket No. 05-65  
Verizon Communications and MCI, Inc.  
Applications for Consent to Transfer of Control  
WC Docket No. 05-75  
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to report that, on July 12, 2005, Alexander V. Netchvolodoff, Senior Vice President of Public Policy of Cox Enterprises, Dr. Gerald W. Brock and the undersigned, all representing Cox Communications, Inc. ("Cox"), met to discuss the above-referenced proceedings with William Dever, Deputy Chief of the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau and Marcus Maher, Michael Jacobs, Nick Alexander, Pamela Megna, Ben Childers, and Gail Cohen of the Division; Rodger Woock, Chief of the Industry Analysis and Technology Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau and Paul Zimmerman and Michael Goldstein of the Division; Jerry B. Duvall, Chief Economist of the International Bureau; Cathy Hsu and Mark Uretsky of the Policy Division of the International Bureau; Marilyn Simon of the Satellite Division of the International Bureau; Jim Bird, Senior Counsel, C. Anthony Bush, Chief Economist, Ann Bushmiller and Joel Rabinovitz of the Office of General Counsel; and Jonathan Levy and Donald Stockdale of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis.

During the meeting, the participants discussed the issues raised in Cox's comments in these proceedings, including the effect of the proposed transactions on interconnection and interconnection agreements pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act and the effect of the combinations of current Tier 2 and Tier 1 Internet backbone providers on the ability of other network providers to obtain access to Internet backbone transport. In addition, the participants discussed issues relating to the consequences of vertical mergers in markets where network effects are present, including competitive impacts in markets for emerging

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“hybrid” services, changes in incentives for the merged companies, and the potential for cooperation in the Internet backbone market following the proposed transactions.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, an original and one copy of this notice are being filed in the docket for the AT&T-SBC proceeding, two copies of this notice are being filed in the docket for the MCI-Verizon proceeding and copies of this notice are being provided to the Commission participants in the meeting.

Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this notice.

Respectfully submitted,



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